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E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: CVIS (TIMERMAN, Hector Marcos)
SUBJECT: NIV APPLICATION

ACTION: Amconsul JERUSALEM - IMMEDIATE

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1. VISAS TAU Hector Marcos Timerman Mindlin, DPOB December 16, 1953, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2. Embassy understands that subject has applied for student visa at your post. Subject is the son of Jacobo Timerman, founder and former editor and publisher of Buenos Aires daily La Opinion, who has been under house arrest in Argentina for over a year. This case has become cause celebre and has generated considerable congressional and other interest.

3. In telecon with mother of subject, she informed conoff that her son Hector Marcos has letter from Columbia University expressing its willingness to accept him for course of studies leading to Masters Degree in International Relations, coupled with intensive course in English. Since subject has not obtained Form I-20, but is ~~requested~~ required to be in U.S. within next few days in order to enroll at Columbia, you may wish to consider

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issuance of B-2 visa. Timerman's mother assured conoff, after conoff explained I-20 requirement for student visa, that Columbia will accept her son and hoped that, in view of time factor, visitor visa could be issued.

4. Embassy would appreciate your giving subject's application considerate attention.

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→ Timerman File

Dear Senator Cranston:

Thank you for your letter of May 29 on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Samuel M. Rosen, concerning the persecution of Jews in Argentina and the status of Mr. Jacobo Timerman.

The United States Government has made repeated efforts on behalf of Mr. Timerman. President Carter raised his case with President Videla when the latter was in Washington for the Panama Canal Treaties signing ceremony. Secretary Vance reviewed his case in detail when he visited Argentina in November of 1977. Since then, our Ambassador and Department officials have continued to press for the resolution of Mr. Timerman's case. At present, he is under house arrest, and Argentina's Supreme Court has ruled his detention under "Poder Ejecutivo Nacional" illegal. Mr. Timerman is seeking his immediate freedom and challenging his continued detention under the "Actos Institucionales".

We remain hopeful that the Government of Argentina will release Mr. Timerman and will continue our efforts to encourage that end.

On numerous occasions the Department of State has expressed its concern to the Argentine Government over violations of human rights in Argentina. Some of the victims of these violations have been Jewish and we have discussed with Argentine officials reports of anti-semitism in that country. When Secretary Vance was in Argentina in November 1977 the question was discussed. Our Ambassador in Buenos Aires continues to stress to the Argentine Government our concern over these reports, as well as the cases of individual Jews. Officials in the Argentine Government have responded that they are strenuously opposed to anti-semitism, that it is certainly not Argentine Government policy, and that specific legislation has been passed which makes inciting racial hatred or violence a punishable offense.

The Honorable
Alan Cranston,
United States Senate.

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